GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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DESTRUCTION TO STANDING CROPS BY WILDLIFE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Blackbuck are on rampage in the fields in many places destroying standing crops worth crores of rupees and the forest departments are unable to check it; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to check the destruction of standing crops from the blackbuck and other wild animals?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a)&(b) Black bucks essentially inhabits open scrub forests and adjoining agricultural fields. Farmers have learned to live in harmony with the species, because damage caused by the black bucks most of the times is minimal. Due to conservation efforts made by local people, the population of black buck has increased considerably in certain areas. Even in these areas the people are not interested in killing of black buck but they want that the animals may be translocated to other areas. The Central Government have granted permission to carry out such relocation programmes as and when the requests in this regard were received from the State Governments. The State Governments are empowered under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to allow hunting of crop raiding animals like blue bulls and wild boar.